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ENTHUSED MOONBOUNCERS fall-out on the quad Saturday.

Convocation kicks off school year

by Brian Heeger
Hatchet Staff Writer

With the blare of bagpipes, a roll of drums and a new president, Friday's Fall Convocation ushered in a new era in the history of GW in Lisner Auditorium.

In his first public address as University President, Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said, "the challenge facing (GW) is whether we can develop a vision and a philosophy of higher education that never loses sight of the daunting scenarios that this planet poses."

Trachtenberg told of his "quest for personal values" through his experiences in a variety of academic and government positions. "I prefer the taste of success to the taste of failure," he said. "It tastes better and it aids my digestion."

Trachtenberg said he would be a hands-on president who will "keep in touch with the grass roots activity of the University" and not give in "to the

temptation to become a modern executive; becoming far removed from the daily responsibilities of scholarship and teaching.

"GW is brand new to me," he said. "It's like the Land of Oz ... I see an enchanted University with 72 buildings near the White House in the heart of the Capital, with a diverse student body, quality programs and prestigious alumni."

"I see a University to which we can happily devote the best years of our lives."

In reference to the title of his address, "Nature Abhors A Vacuum," Trachtenberg said the debate in academic circles over the various competing core curricula "has run itself onto the rocks from exhaustion," so that there is "now a vacuum in higher education."

"We are talking about more than a core curriculum, we are talking about a crisis in humanism that has taken on global proportions ... from the very

frontiers of the professional fields comes a feeling that we don't know why we are doing things, don't know why we are here."

As examples, he cited the ability of medicine to save lives through advanced technology as countered by its inability to deliver competent health care to enough people. "GW should become a paradigm for other universities facing this problem," he said.

"This is a spot for a university to experience a collective rebirth similar to that which Harvard and the University of Chicago found in the early 20th century."

After paying tribute to his predecessor, Lloyd Elliot, Trachtenberg closed his address by saying, "hand in hand, arm in arm, side by side, let's march together into the future."

GW Student Association President Raffi Terzian also spoke before the

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Freshman class SAT's up 10 points

by Patrice Sonberg
Hatchet Staff Writer

Last year, the GW Office of Admissions accepted the largest number of applicants in history and, according to Director of Admissions George Stoner, the Class of 1992 is not only larger than ever, but also academically superior.

The average SAT score for the incoming freshman class is 530 verbal and 580 math. The best possible score for these tests is 800. Compared to last year, the math score increased by ten points.

The mean SAT score for the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences is 530 verbal and 570 math, and the average score for the School of Government and Business Administration is 510 verbal and 590 Math. The

average score in the Elliot School of International Affairs is 570 verbal and 580 math.

The School of Education and Human Development had the lowest overall SAT scores, 490 verbal and 560 math, while the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences had the highest combined score with 530 verbal and 650 math. Stoner said the math score for SEHD students showed an increase of 50 points from last year.

Currently, there are 777 freshmen registered in Columbian College, 220 in SGBA, 208 in SIA, 71 in SEAS, and 21 in SEHD.

GW received 7,119 applications compared to last year's count of 6,752.

"Around April the number of Declarations of Intent we received fell well below the amount we had last

year," Stoner said. Anticipating a shortfall, the Admissions Office admitted more students than usual. When the May 1 deadline arrived, however, the office was bombarded with commitment letters.

"We had an increased percentage from admitted to committed, which was good," Stoner said. Although GW admitted 156 more students to this year's freshman class, they also denied admission to 290 more students than last year.

The class of 1992 comes from 45 states and 31 foreign countries. Only 14 freshmen are part-time students. These statistics were accurate as of September 2, but will be updated in mid-October, Stoner said.

Students, alumni want role in dean search

'No reason' for school's policy, Terzian says

by Cathy Collier
Hatchet Staff Writer

As two dean search committees begin the arduous task of finding new deans for both the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Government and Business Administration, a dispute about the lack of student and alumni representation on those committees is underway.

According to Roderick S. French, vice president for academic affairs, the issue was first raised at a Board of Trustees meeting last spring by an alumni trustee. The Academic Affairs Committee then gathered information from the dean of each school regarding existing bylaws and current dean search committee representation methods.

"With the exception of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences which formally includes both a student and alumni member on the search committee," French stated in a memorandum to Student Association President Raffi Terzian, "and the National Law Center, which allows for separate and independent student and alumni search committees, there is only minor participation by these two groups in the process."

Following French's inquiry, the GWUSA Senate passed a resolution in support of student and alumni participation on dean search committees. "If we can have a student on the search committee for the president, there is no reason why we can't have a student on the search committee for a dean of a school," Terzian said.

The present faculty code provides that the appointment of a dean shall be made only after a committee consisting of tenured faculty, elected by the active-status faculty involved, considers nominations and makes recommendations.

In order to change the process to include student and alumni members on committees, French said, the faculty code would have to be amended through a process which could take up to a year. Also, Columbian College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education and Human Development would all have to amend their bylaws, which currently exclude such participation.

Although students and alumni do

not hold official seats on dean search committees, most schools provide for some interaction between the applicants and student/alumni groups. When the committee has narrowed down its decision to a few serious candidates, the applicants are invited to campus to meet with these groups as well as other faculty.

Acting Columbian College Dean Robert W. Kenny chaired the dean search committee whose recommendations led to the appointment of Clara Lovett. "There was a student advisory council which interviewed all six candidates. The students spent usually an hour with each candidate and then made a written report that was given to the search committee," he said. "In effect, the student advisory committee was an adjunct to the search committee."

"Student advisory councils are great, when they work," said Jon Kessler, GWUSA executive vice president. The CCAS student advisory council meets infrequently, he said, "and they (the department) are in no way accountable to the students."

During a recent dean search process, the SEHD solicited alumni for dean letters of nomination and selected both alumni and graduate students to attend presentations given by the five finalists. Those who participated then sent their evaluation of the candidates to the search committee.

Jay R. Shotel, acting dean of SEHD at the time of the search, said he does not think students and alumni should participate as search committee members. "I feel it really takes someone who has faculty rank and status to make judgment on credentials," he said. "I see it as a two step process, where students and alumni are important in the second step of the search process."

"Paper screening is a more technical process," said Gail Short Hanson, assistant vice president and dean of students. "Students have a more valuable role in sizing up the person."

However, Hanson said that although students presently hold decision making positions for student affairs appointments, the idea of adding students to dean search commit-

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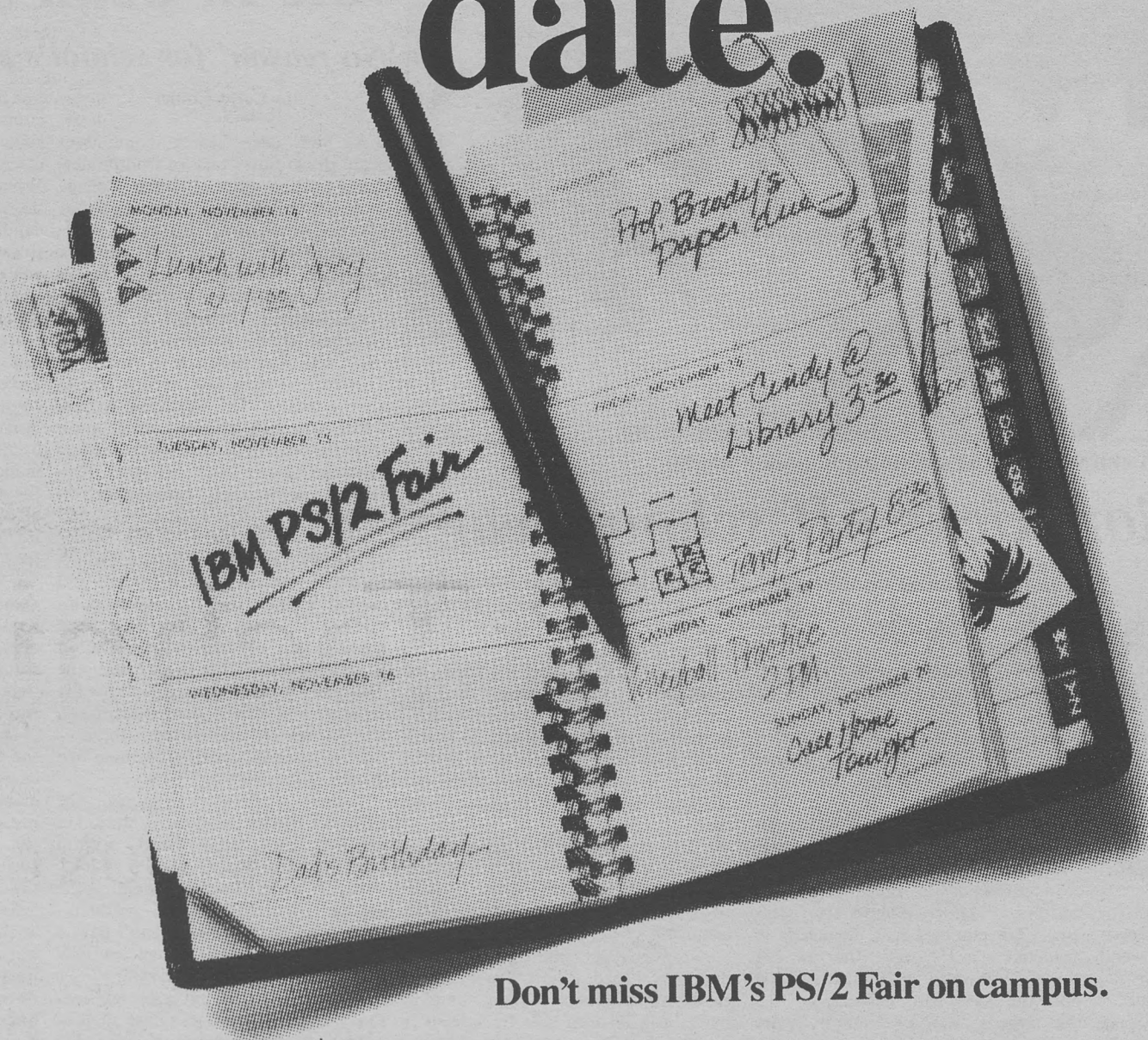
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Alcohol policy less filling for some, others taste great

GW policy limits booze at student events

by Sharyn Wizda
Asst. News Editor

GW's Alcoholic Beverage Policy, issued in final form last month, sets several limits on the serving of alcohol at school-sponsored events and the advertising of events at which alcohol will be served.

"This is a carefully negotiated and thoughtfully constructed policy and we're hoping that students will read it and adhere to it," said Gail Short Hanson, dean of students.

The new policy states that at student sponsored events on University premises, defined as "buildings or grounds owned, leased, operated, controlled or supervised by the University, including the public streets encompassed within the campus," alcoholic beverages may only be served if a majority of those attending the event will be of legal drinking age.

"Groups will be asked to give careful thought as to who their target population is," Hanson said. "We'll be working with groups and interpreting the policy as liberally as possible, trying to give them the benefit of the doubt."

Fewer large events, however, will be permitted to serve alcohol as more and more students under 21 are "grandfathered" out, Hanson said. "There's a good chance in two years (when the grandfather clause expires) that alcohol will not be served at events like Fall Fest and Spring Fling."

The policy does not have jurisdiction over fraternity and sorority-sponsored events that take place at fraternity houses because those houses are technically private property and not under University supervision.

Mike Elmore, assistant director of the Student Activities Office, said Greek events are still under the jurisdiction of D.C. law, however, and can be prosecuted by city police if violations occur.

"Once Metro police get there, it's too late. The University won't be able to intervene or help them. They're on their own," Elmore said. "A lot of them (fraternity brothers) think they can do whatever they want inside their houses, that (GW) Security will just come and break up the party. Security doesn't have any jurisdiction (See BOOZE, p.8)

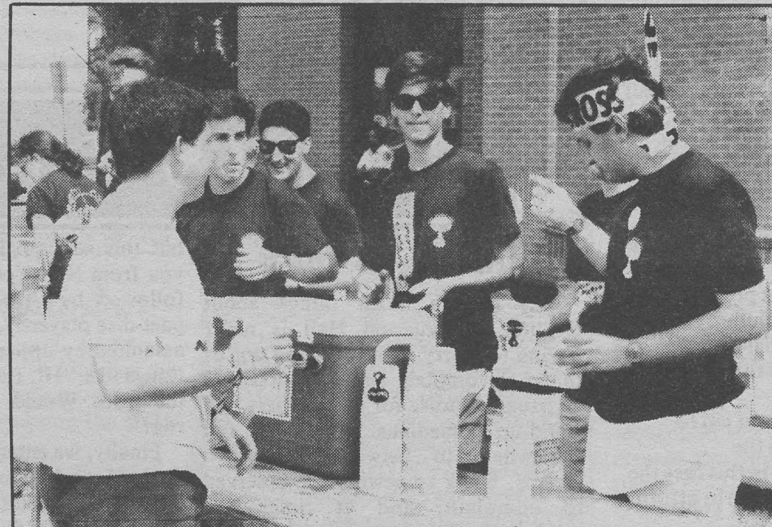


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GWUSA BIGWIGS are unperturbed by changing alcohol policy.

'Just say yes,' freshmen avoid alcohol laws

by Kristi Messner
Asst. News Editor

Over the millennia societal empires have been built and crushed and men have been placed on the surface on the moon. Yet man's enchantment with alcohol has prevailed throughout the generations and become an integral part of our society, for better or worse.

The worse has been the terrifying number of young drinkers who have become statistics instead of adults, causing the passage of laws all over the country permitting only those "of age" to legally consume alcohol. Such a law was

passed in the District of Columbia in October 1986. That law is now causing a societal split within GW's student body.

Students who are part of the middle ground—those who missed the grandfather clause by two days, two months or two years—are finding themselves "on the outside looking in" at those for whom alcohol is not a forbidden fruit.

There are now two classes of students at GW, over 3,000 18- and 19-year-olds, who are not legally of age to be served alcohol. However, many have the will to drink against the laws, and as the saying goes, where there is a will there is a way.

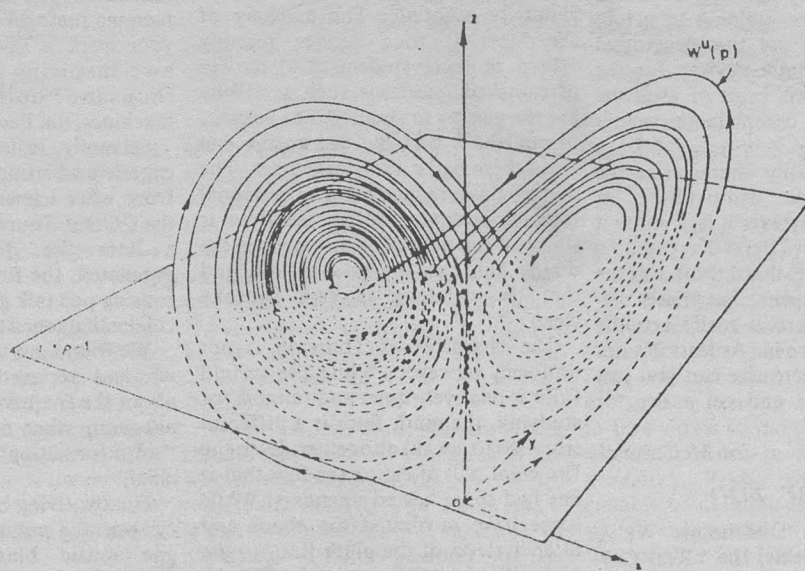
Freshmen, sophomores and juniors who barely missed the Sept. 30, 1968 cutoff date outlined in the infamous clause, are finding many ways to drink, all of which are blatantly illegal.

Obtaining a fake identification card is the most obvious way to get around the age restrictions, and if the card is accepted, this method reaps the greatest reward. However, with a maximum penalty of a five year prison sentence, a student using a fake ID also takes the greatest risk.

Freshman sources say as much as 50 percent of the GW class of 1992 have fake identification cards. How many of them work is obviously a different story, but many sources report that the success rate has been satisfactory enough that a high number of students are willing to chance it.

"It's not really ethical to say," one freshman admitted, "but everyone just gets around it (the (See FRESHMEN, p.8)

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Editorials

Duke's Ed-Aid

Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis has baked up a new plan intended to benefit the middle class. Unfortunately for the Duke, his plan comes up at least a day late and probably several billion dollars short.

His plan for funding higher education for all Americans, regardless of economic status, has been patterned after the Social Security program. First, a new tax would be created to go into some type of super-fund for education. Then, individuals interested in receiving assistance to attend the university or college of their choice would be entitled to loans from this fund, to be repaid by taxes drawn directly from paychecks over a long period of time.

With this proposal, Dukakis has focused on a vital voting block—the middle class—which has been increasingly alienated from current government initiatives in education. With virtually all forms of student aid tied to a stringent means-testing system, middle class parents often have been frustrated in their efforts to send their children to college. Under the means-test, some families with two wage-earners have seen their friends and neighbors who may earn half as much send children to expensive private schools. Single income families, divorcees and the economically displaced are usually advantaged by current systems while the traditional middle class is left empty-handed.

But the Duke's wide-eyed idealism seems to have gotten the best of him. From a realistic standpoint, the program is filled with holes, short of cash and significantly underestimates the negative impact that such a system would have on taxpayers and the quality of higher education in general.

First, this program is intended to be used in addition to current programs. So while it may offer middle class parents some new hope, it will maintain the status quo with regard to the other means-tested programs which have been subject to so much scrutiny and have aroused so much ire. All of this at a tax burden even greater than that which already exists.

Second, all of us should have an appreciation of how government aid to education has affected the cost of education for everyone. When the government dumps literally billions of dollars into any market—in this case the market for higher education—those who normally would not be able to afford such costs suddenly can, and the cost of education for everyone, not surprisingly, rises. This, to some degree, explains why tuition costs have consistently outpaced inflation for many years now.

So the Duke gets an A for effort, but about a C- for his follow-through. His program would cause more problems than it solves, cost much more than anyone is willing to pay and, incidentally, reeks of socialism. Back to the drawing board Mike.

No tuition without representation!

With openings in both the School of Government and Business Administration and the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, consideration has already been given to the means by which the members of the dean selection committees will be chosen. Unfortunately, even though a host of student leaders and some members of the administration have suggested that students should be included on both committees, this proposal has met with considerable skepticism.

The suggestion that students participate in the process by which their administrators and leaders are chosen is not exactly without precedent. Former Student Association President Adam Freedman served on the committee which chose Stephen Joel Trachtenberg as our new president. When the law school chose a new dean, a committee of students voted for the candidate who was eventually chosen by the school.

As it stands now, however, faculty members and other administrators who may play a role in the selection of deans have spoken derisively about the role that students can play. Some have even suggested that the presence of students in the process would require amending the bylaws of the respective schools—a process that would take over a year!

Faculty members who suggest that we, as students, lack the knowledge to participate in the dean selection process demonstrate a remarkable lack of faith in the abilities, intentions and desires of students. In our democratic society, members of a community, any community, have traditionally been afforded the opportunity to at least review those men and women who will represent them and their needs. To do any less, as was suggested about 200 years ago, would be tyranny. We agree.

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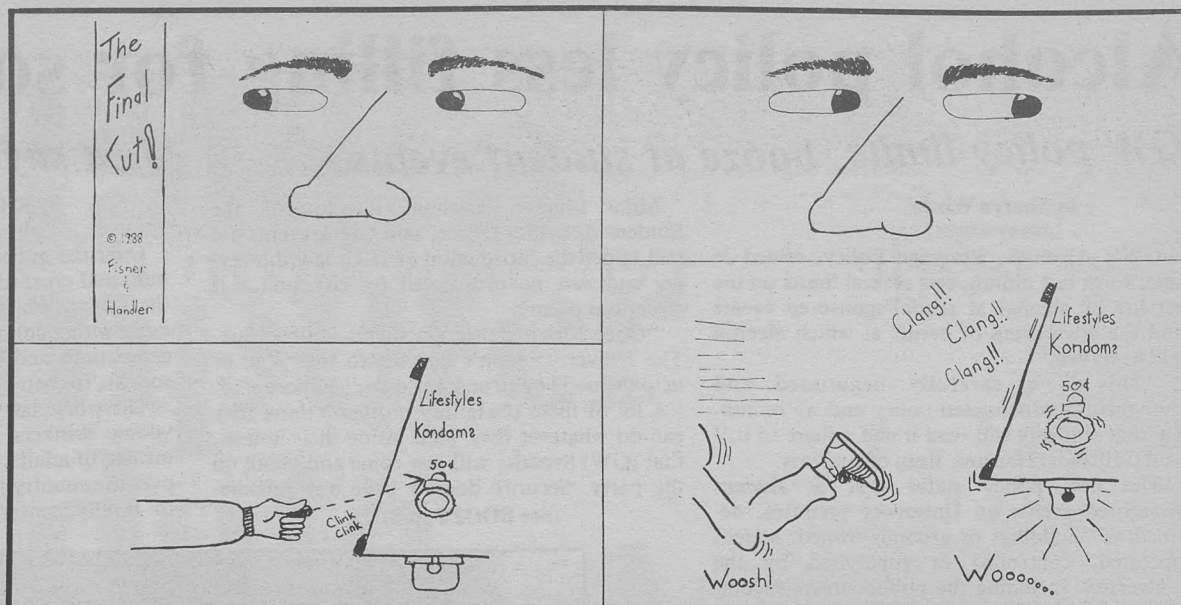
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Letters to the editor

Amusement park

One of the nicest things about residing in Thurston Hall is never having to worry about running out of things to complain about. Thurston is a virtual paradise for complainers and stand-up comedians. I, myself, fall somewhere in between these two groups, being somewhat too reserved to complain, and at times too motivated to be a comedian.

The complainers, I suppose, would consider Thurston a "zoo." While, on the other hand, the comedians would call it an "amusement park." The latter, in my opinion, is closer to the truth, simply because I really don't see anything serious to complain about. Granted, the rice paper walls and the quiet hours that sound like the Dresden or Berlin bombings call for a little loss of sleep; however, I do not feel the need to actually cause an uprising over that, or, for that matter, over the showers that burn you one minute and freeze you the next, regardless of how you adjust the temperature. Though it has been said that it is quicker to climb up a rope on the outside of the building to get to your room than use the elevator, I always use the stairs anyway for the exercise. Therefore, most of what the comedians and complainers say is humorous to me.

I could not easily characterize the entire mood or atmosphere at Thurston, but whatever it is, I enjoy it for the most part. Sure, I've seen so many tie-dye shirts that I think I'm the one on hallucinogens, but that's neither here nor there. I really actually like the place I live in. At least it's not dull. Besides, where else can you just walk down stairs and get a tire for breakfast?

-Jon McCormick

Circus or zoo

Ah, Thurston. Our home. We've waited years for this, the "Real College Experience," and now we are finally here, in the largest dorm of the George Washington University. In preparation for a long academic year with 925 of our closest freshmen friends, we've brought our dearest personal possessions—our books, clothes and stuffed animals—and only the barest of modern necessities: our microwave, refrigerator, stereo, phone-answering machines, televisions and VCR's.

While waiting in line to receive our room keys, the most commonly asked question was "Where are you from?"

but this was quickly revised to "Are you from New York or New Jersey?" followed by "Do you have a compact-disc player?" We were frequently assaulted by upperclassmen, who said things like "Hi, I'm Rick! Welcome to the Zoo. Would you like to buy a rug?"

Finally, we entered the building. We dragged our bags over to the elevators, pressed the up button, and slumped on a bench to read "War and Peace" while waiting for the elevators to come.

As the day passed, we found our rooms, met our roommates and kissed our parents goodbye.

The first days at Thurston were filled with introductions to our hallmates, and orientations provided by the University and the Student Orientation Staff. Our RA's were friendly, and we settled in quickly. Invitations delivered by fraternity brothers were welcomed, and some freshmen have never recovered from one memorable "Red Death Punch Party."

Food in the Thurston cafeteria is usually edible, and the selection is generally adequate. The manager of the Marriott food service recently visited to meet students and answer often-asked questions such as "Why are the glasses so small?" The answer, of course, is that the dishwasher can clean them better than large ones. The manager assured us that the occasional rat seen scurrying across the floor is simply a remnant of the days when the dining hall used to be a garage, and that the cafeteria is kept squeaky clean.

The character of Thurston is not uniform, however. While the second floor is relatively quiet and suitable for studying, the ninth floor is a different story (so to speak) altogether. Even the fire chief will attest to the fact that it has had some heated moments. While some have attributed the chaos and utter hysteria of the ninth floor to the high altitude, others maintain that the high male-to-female ratio has something to do with it. One male student on the ninth floor claims that his stereo can be heard at the hot dog stand in front of Thurston.

They say that these are the best days of our lives, and most of us are happy to be spending time here. Perhaps in a few years we too, like the upperclassmen of today, will say to new freshmen with a far-away look in our eyes, "You're living in Thurston? Ah, Thurston..."

-Brian Loew

One of a kind

"Excuse me," a fellow student asked two weeks ago, "do you know where Thurston Hall is and what it's like?" At the time, my thoughts were very plain and factual—1900 F St., freshman dorm, period. Now, however, two weeks later, I would tend to answer that question in quite a different way.

Thurston Hall is one of those few great entities in this world that must grow on a person before its full effect can be truly realized or comprehended.

I have now lived in Thurston Hall for over two weeks, which I guarantee is enough time for anyone to be able to give a qualified, informed opinion of the hall.

What might an incoming student expect to experience in Thurston, you ask? Well, consider the typical events of the first two weeks of school and see if they speak for themselves. I'll leave that decision up to you, the reader.

First of all, as one does his or her laundry, the wonderful sight of a lubricated safe-sex condom machine hanging there on the wall to aid you in your work is both a comforting and awe-inspiring feeling. Sixteen thousand dollars for condom machines, not bad!

Secondly, in late August, Thurston experienced a once in a lifetime event, from what I hear, paralleling that of the "Great Thurston Event of 1979," a floor fire. The entire hall was evacuated, the fire extinguished and a rousing pep talk given by the D.C. fire chief enlightened the residents.

We found out the next morning that we had received "misinformation" about the frequent fires in Thurston. I ask you, what other hall would get "misinformation" from the D.C. fire chief.

Finally, living in Thurston is a wild, eye-opening cultural experience. Reggae music blasting through the paper-thin walls at 3:00 a.m., "dead heads," progressive liberals, conservatives, people who sleep all day and party all night, you name it, Thurston's got it.

It all conjures up the image of a phrase immortalized in the movie *The Lost Boys*: "Never grow old, never die, sleep all day, party all night, it's fun to be a vampire."

I give you Thurston Hall, a zoo—no; a 24-hour circus—maybe.

-Chris Tipping

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Opinion

You made the bed, now lie in it

Jack and Jill are an unmarried couple. They tell each other that they love one another and have even discussed marriage.

One day Jill confronts Jack with the results of a test she wanted to fail—a pregnancy test. Jack and Jill use the conventional, and less than reliable forms of birth control to avoid having to face what is now their situation—Jill is pregnant. Jack takes the news with a fair amount of shock but soon realizes that there is only one option, he has a responsibility to Jill and their unborn child. He asks Jill to marry him and raise their child together. But Jill has another option, she wants to abort the baby and get on with her life with Jack and wait to see if in the future she will be ready to marry Jack and start a family.

Jack feels that abortion is wrong and pleads with Jill to reconsider. Jill is adamant. She wants the abortion. Jack offers to raise the child himself or at least have the baby put up for adoption, anything but abort their child. Jill again refuses to have the baby. Needless to say, Jack and Jill stop seeing each other after Jill decides to have the abortion. In his view, Jack had no say in the decision to have his child live or be killed. Jack has no rights; legally he has no recourse. The woman has sole custody of her body in these matters and Jack has no claim on it even though she is carrying his child.

What if the story were different? What would have happened if Jack was the one who wanted Jill to have the abortion and Jill wanted to keep the baby? Jill tries and tries to appeal to him but Jack will not take any responsibility for the baby and walks out. Jill, feeling that abortion is murder brings the baby to term and in the process becomes a statistic, one of

the millions of unwed mothers in the United States.

Jill can not support herself and a baby on her own meager income and issues a paternity suit against Jack. She has a good case and the judge awards Jill child support that Jack must pay for the child's upbringing. This child support could extend for at least 18 years, and Jack will probably have to foot the bill for college for the youngster in addition. In this scenario, as well, Jack has no legal rights. He must be financially committed to this child for upward of 20 years, a child he did not want to be born, a child which he wants nothing to do with. Jack has no rights, legally he has no recourse. The woman has sole custody of her

Farrell A. Quinlan

body in these matters and Jack has no relief from it even though she has decided unilaterally to bring the child to term.

In both situations, Jack is an unequal participant. He has no right to decide if the baby is to live or die; the woman has the final say in terms of "reproductive rights." If Jill wants an abortion, Jack must sit by and allow his child to be snuffed out because the mother feels that is best for her. If Jill wants to have the child, Jack must be financially responsible for an unwanted child because the mother feels that abortion is wrong and chooses to raise the baby.

Whatever happened to equal rights for men as well as women? The man has no right to decide if his child lives or dies, but if the mother decides to have the baby, he must be responsible for tens of thousands of dollars just because the mother decided to have the

baby. That is a very high price to pay for one night of passion.

One night of passion. The man is financially bound for decades because of one night of passion. The mother, on the other hand, has all the rights. If she feels that she does not want 20 years of responsibility, she can easily and legally go to the clinic and have her problem sucked out of her. The father has no say in the decision, he has forfeited any rights in this case when he zipped up his pants the morning after. If the father has responsibility for one night of passion why shouldn't the mother? (Oh, I forgot, she can legally kill the baby.)

The feminists try to make believe that they are for equal rights. They are so consumed with the fact that women earn just over 60 percent of what men earn that they do not see that men don't have equal rights in some areas. I have illustrated one area in which men clearly have unequal rights, let alone any rights. Men are discriminated against in custody hearings. Fathers only receive custody in eight percent of court rulings. Ninety-two percent of mothers are deemed by the courts to be a better parent. That is an incredible figure. In this post-feminist revolution era, America has gone too far in pursuing "equal" rights. For too long equal rights has meant women's rights. The feminists, the courts, the politicians and most importantly the people of America must realize that equality is for everyone.

The Jack and Jill stories discussed above should be thought about. It is time for Jack to be nimble and for Jack to be quick and fight for his own rights for a change.

Farrell A. Quinlan is Executive Editor of the GW Observer.

The next thing that made quite a positive impression on me was the way the new president of GW and the staff members present in the Marvin Center on August 23 all made a special effort to inform us that international students were very welcome. In fact, we were told that it is one of the main goals of GW to be as internationally oriented as possible. Those words and the accompanying attitude were very important to me. They gave me a reassuring and comfortable feeling and I was confident that I indeed had chosen the right university to fulfill my studies.

There is one less pleasant thing though that needs to be mentioned and that is the housing situation for international students. I am aware that it is a general problem, but we are in an extremely difficult position in this matter.

Besides the very high rent, many rental managers demand that you have a co-signer, that is someone with a proper line of credit to back you up. For many of us it is impossible to meet this requirement because we have no relatives here. Sometimes, to get by this requirement, we are forced to pay a whole year's rent in advance. Many of us, however, are not in a position to do this. At the moment we are too much at the mercy of the landlords. I think and hope that GW's management will recognize this and take some

kind of action to alleviate the situation which is making life very difficult for us international students.

Finally, I want to wish all of my fellow international students all the best and good luck with their studies this year.

-Geronimo Pieters

Fight, fight, fight

In our youth, we have all been subject to some sort of authoritarian oversight. We have been provided rules and principles by our parents, our schools and our religion. We had to bow down to the dogma unless we desired to burn in hell or loiter in purgatory. Today we are free and capable of defining our own personal set of values and principles. At the Convocation last Friday, Raffi Terzian cited students as the crux of the University. All of our values and inputs are proffered unto the institution via our efforts. We are transcending the old rules of our mentors and presenting them with a new and diverse dogma.

The new dogma will provide the building blocks for the new paradigm shift President Trachtenberg envisions for higher education. At this moment, we are transforming George Washington University for a new era. Unfortunately, elements of our community—individuals who study with us

It's time to recycle

Wake up, GW! It's time to recycle.

America's wasteful lifestyle is beginning to spill over into big problems. While landfills in places like Long Island are full, bureaucrats want to spend billions of dollars on mass-burn incinerators—a high-tech albatross of questionable engineering which poisons the air, leaves toxic ash still to be disposed of and requires huge volumes of trash to be dumped into it. All of this keeps the industry profitable, but at the expense of public health and better judgment.

The answer lies not in high-tech, high-risk incineration—but low-tech, low-risk recycling—as a key step in tackling the mounting garbage woes now gripping every community in the United States, including GW.

A group of concerned students recognized this last year when they created the Student Recycling Initiative (SRI). Its goal was to make GW aware of the need to recycle, and to get GW students to actually

ministration and SRI toward the common goal of an environmentally safe and socially responsible waste disposal method.

Meanwhile, the ambitious agenda of SRI for the 1988-89 school year will be to maintain and expand the existing glass recycling program through increased use of the "igloos," to study and find materials like styrofoam and plastic, to implement newspaper and aluminum recycling programs, to host informative forums on the environment and to have one hell of a good time being successful at all these aims.

Simply put, SRI's agenda is a locally-based solution to a globally-based problem: stop the recurring and proliferating stupidity in waste-disposal practices as exemplified by incineration and landfilling. The answer: reduce the amount of administration and the student body will have the will and the ability to accomplish such safe, responsible waste disposal right here.

With the help of dedicated students, and with open-minded and progressive leadership from the new administration, GW can set an example by helping alleviate a national crisis in the most responsible, environmentally sound manner: recycling. It's a pity the trash crisis had to get to the backyards of America before intelligent and responsible waste disposal methods were considered. But now, with the crisis, there is a new hope for environmentally safe alternatives right here on the GW campus.

Today's trash crisis is your problem, and it will not go away until you do your small part. Every bottle thrown away, every styrofoam cup tossed into the incinerator, every voluminous Sunday paper heaved down the trash chute is another opportunity wasted, another step backwards, another myopic chunk of trash added to the growing hovel. When will we act? Will we choke on our own waste or gasp in the toxic smoke of incinerator pollution?

Want a tip? Recycle your glass and join SRI. Help recycle the GW campus and set an example of responsible waste management for the rest of the nation. Do it voluntarily, now. Or, as the cooperative student recycling group at the University of California-Berkeley said it: "Recycle or Die!"

Bob Mentzinger is a junior majoring in journalism.

Bob Mentzinger

start recycling their used glass instead of merely throwing it out to be buried or burned.

SRI had surprising success with the help of progressive thinking on the part of the administration. The sensible method of re-use as part of an overall strategy to reduce waste on campus and in D.C. was achieved through the placement of three large "igloos" in the alley by Francis Scott Key Hall between 20th and 21st Sts. In the six months the "igloos" have been in place, eight tons of glass—otherwise destined to sit on the trash heap, break into dangerous shards on the street or poison the air you breathe through incineration—was collected and reused instead.

As for the GW community, the results of the SRI "igloo" project have been purely beneficial. The "igloos" didn't cost the University a penny, while cutting a small portion of the cost for waste disposal. With extension into the glass and aluminum recycling areas, GW can further reduce waste removal costs and further increase our stature as an aggressive foe of solid waste overload.

The widespread praise the University received in press articles about the "igloo" project last spring can and should continue this year. The key will be increased cooperation between the ad-

and work for us in the administration—are being forced out. Due to the laxness of the legislators who gave us the Tax Reform Act of 1986, a tax exclusion for tuition benefits was not carried over from the old tax code. Those who benefited from the \$5,250 exclusion needed to find better-paying jobs to survive, which for some implied possibly forsaking their educa-

tion. A piece of House legislation in July called for a \$1,500 tax exclusion. Anyone who goes to school or lives in this city would appreciate the analogy between that picayune amount and planting a new garden using espresso spoons as shovels.

Fortunately, a legislative attempt to alleviate the tax problem is in the (See LETTERS, p. 6)

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A job well done

Thank you International Student Services for a job well done. As an international student who had only once before visited this country, I was very impressed by many things that I saw and experienced during my first weeks in Washington.

One of the most positive experiences was the way that I was received by the ISS and the efficient way in which, later on, they relayed information to me and other international students during the orientation days.

I have often made use of the services of ISS, and even though they were always very busy, I always could get the assistance I needed.

Every international student who has been there knows that Don Driver and his staff members are loaded with work, with all of those "nervous" international students whose papers were not in order, who had no housing and so on. But as far as I could see they managed the situation wonderfully.

I am aware that there are more GW services involved in dealing with our arrival and I want to thank them also. For the ISS, however, goes my special thanks and gratitude for a job well done. Thank you Don and crew!

For your convenience, letters to the editor may be submitted to The GW Hatchet by way of a letters-to-the-editor box at the Information Center on the first floor of the Marvin Center (800 21st St. NW). Letters also may be submitted at The GW Hatchet offices, Marvin Center, suite 433. Remember: your letter will not be published if you forget to include a name, phone number, GW identification number, year and major field of study. All submissions must be typed, double spaced.

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works. An amendment to the Technical Corrections Bill would reinstate the \$5,250 tax exclusion. This, in turn, would set the precedent for future students who might need similar tuition benefits. Now is the time to address the Senate Finance Committee with our new dogma. We must inspire them by saying, "We are the future you like to increase revenue for and invest in. Now is not the time to tax our tuition benefits. Wait until we get into our lucrative jobs, and then you may tax us." On Monday and Tuesday, the Student Association will circulate a petition which every student is encouraged to sign. By uniting behind this issue we are demonstrating to Congress that we are one sharing and caring university community. The future of our education should not be hindered by financial needs.

As a pluralistic student body, we at GW shall conspire with administrators and faculty. President Trachtenberg's new paradigm in education can and will be defined,

developed and deployed in this crucial evolutionary period here in Washington. With GWUSA as a mouthpiece, we shall start with the lobbying effort for the tax exclusion. Once the valued, afflicted individuals of the crisis at hand are guaranteed a place at our table, we can develop the new dogma in our attempt to transform the battered system of higher education.

-Ford McLain
-Vice President for Lobbying and External Affairs
-GWUSA

of braces and into bras. The guys look like they'd really like to get into some bras themselves. Fat chance for them.

We have a new president this year. He's this short, Jewish banker-looking type with weird round glasses. Nobody laughs at his jokes, but he's a basically nice guy. Everyone seems to think that he's going to solve all of GW's problems. I'll be happy if he freezes the price of pitchers in the area. Subsidies seem out of the question, but that would be nice too.

We have a couple of new buildings and some nice new sidewalks, but the campus hasn't changed that much. They did tear down V building, though, and I was kind of bummed about that. The classrooms in it had no windows, but it was special to me for some reason.

I don't know, but GW seems like a rocket about to be launched. Okay, maybe that's a bit corny, but it's the way I feel.

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-J. Harrison Miller

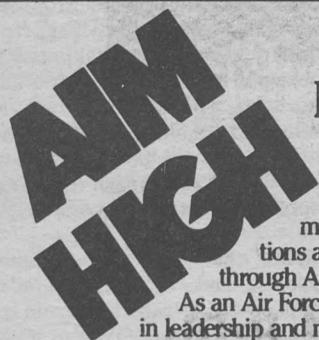


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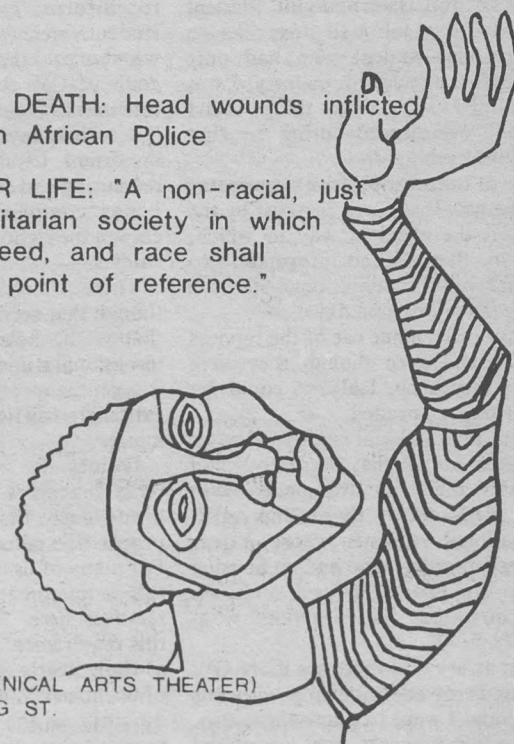
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Program Board 'Fallout '88' explodes on quad

by Jill Braunstein
Hatchet Staff Writer

Fallout '88: Party at Ground Zero blasted off Saturday in the University Yard and, regardless of a low turnout early in the day and prior questions concerning the serving of alcohol, was termed a success by GW students and members of the Program Board.

"I think there are less people here than Spring Fling, but everyone seems to be having fun," PB member Julie Winston said during the party.

"It was a little slow at first, but by mid-afternoon it was pretty packed," PB Chairman Paul Aronsohn said. He estimated the crowd at approximately

3,000.

"It (the turnout) was about right," he said.

Some students did express disappointment at the size of the crowd, however. "There are really not enough people here; for all the money they spent it seems like the quad should have been packed," GW freshman Mark Meaders said.

According to Aronsohn, the final cost for the event was approximately \$10,000, a lower cost than in previous years due to the use of only local bands for musical entertainment.

Those who attended the festival received free t-shirts, cups and bumper

stickers. Pretzels, soda, potato chips, popcorn and beer were also available in abundance.

According to PB members, the controversy surrounding the application of the University's alcohol policy to the function did not affect the overall student turnout.

"They cut down the amount of beer served because there were more freshmen attending, but I don't think the beer issue made that much of a difference," PB member Amy John said.

The amount of people requesting wrist bracelets allowing them to be served beer was light, according to PB

Advisor Bob Nedwich. "By 3 p.m. less than 500 people had been tagged for beer," he said.

"We have to be a little hard on people about identification," Nedwich said, "but doing so means we can continue to have alcohol at the next event."

PB personnel stressed that the main idea behind Fallout 88 was not alcohol. "This is not based on beer, this is based on fun," PB Advertising Chairperson Camille Gulisano said.

Throughout the day, various forms of entertainment were provided. Early in the afternoon there was a Shotokan Karate exhibition, followed by per-

formances by two local bands.

The first band to perform was "Go to Blazes." Then the WRGW DJs kept the music rolling during intermission until "Little Benny and The Masters" took the stage at 5 p.m.

"Planning for Fallout '88 began in May and has been a long and slow process," said Kirsten Furlong, PB parties and festivals committee chairperson. "I hope everybody enjoyed themselves. This is what the Program Board is all about ... this is what we want to do for people."

"Now, just wait for Spring Fling!" she said.

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NOTICES

The University Counseling Center will be offering Study Skills Seminars, Procrastination Prevention Programs and group discussions concerning alcohol and drug use. Throughout the semester. Info-994-6550. Watch for times, dates and location.

The GW Smith Center is accepting registrations for intramural sports throughout September. Info-994-6251. Watch for times, dates and locations.

The Wellness Resource Center sponsors fitness classes for GW employees, students and staff throughout the semester. Info-994-6927. Watch for times, events, dates and locations.

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The Wellness Resource Center sponsors aerobics. Info-994-6251. M-F 11:45-12:45 p.m. Main Arena, Smith Center.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

9/12 Hillel sponsors Rosh Hashannah Service (reform). Info-Emily Ames 296-8873. 10 a.m. Marvin Center Theater.

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9/13 *The GW Review* literary magazine sponsors Organizational meeting. All interested persons encouraged to attend. Info-Joseph Dumas 546-9817 or 994-7288. 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Marvin Center 402.

9/13 GW Study Abroad Office sponsors "Study In France" info session focusing on GWU spring semester program in La Rochelle and programs at the American College in Paris. Info-Jennifer Wright 994-6242. 2:00 p.m. Stuart Hall 108.

9/13 Lesbian & Gay People's Alliance sponsors RAP Group. Info-Danny Cohen 328-7409. 6:30 p.m. ECM Office, 2131 G St.

9/13 Hillel, Zionist Alliance sponsors Political Activism for Israel-planning meeting for a regional conference in February. Everyone welcome. 8 p.m. Info-Judy Rodenstein 296-8873. Hillel, 2300 H St.

9/15 The GW Program Board Film Series presents *The Road Warrior & Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Info-Jennifer or Steve 994-7313. 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Lisner Aud. \$2.

9/15 Hillel presents "Deli & Movie Night". Delicious kosher deli and feature films on our big screen projection TV. Info Judy Rodenstein 296-8873. 5:30 p.m. Hillel 2300 H St. \$4 Hillel members \$5 students.

9/15 Hillel sponsors Open Student Board Meeting - plan activities for the semester. Info Judy Rodenstein 296-8873. 9 p.m. Hillel 2300 H St.

9/16 GW Study Abroad Office sponsors "Study in Denmark, courses in English". (Intl Studies Program). Info-Jennifer Wright 994-6242. 3 p.m. Marvin Center 401.

9/24 Lesbian & Gay People Alliance sponsors a Dance. Info-Danny Cohen 328-7404. 9 p.m.-1

a.m. Marvin Center Ballroom. \$5 students; \$7 non-students.

9/16 Hillel sponsors Shabbat Dinner with guest speaker. Info Judy Rodenstein 296-8873. 7 p.m., dinner 8:15 p.m. \$5 Hillel members; \$6 students. Dinner reservations by Wed. please! Call or stop by the Hillel office. Hillel 2300 H St.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

T/TH/SAT

International Shotokan Karate Club holds traditional practice of Japanese Karate sessions. Info and locations-Frederick Betmorada 521-5738. T/Th 7-9 p.m., Sat 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon.

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The GW Program Board's weekly meeting. All new members welcome!! Info-Camille 994-7313. 8 p.m. Marvin Center 429.

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tion; it's the D.C. police's territory.

"We're hoping that the Interfraternity Council will form its own parallel policy," Greek Affairs Coordinator Sue Gowen said.

The University's policy will be discussed tonight at the Presidents' Council meeting, she said. "We need to start looking to the frats to be responsible even though the (GW) policy doesn't directly apply to them."

"It's really up to the individual fraternity (whether or not to serve alcohol) once the grandfather clause expires," Gowen said. "But most frats

already monitor students coming through the door. We've suggested that the fraternities not serve alcohol at their rush parties, and most have taken our suggestion."

The GW policy also regulates the advertisement of any event at which alcohol is served, including fraternity events if the advertisements are on GW-supervised property such as the Marvin Center.

According to the policy, advertisements cannot promote alcohol as the "central theme or focus" of an event, and all alternative beverages and refreshments to be served must be given equal billing to the alcohol.

Advertisements that violate these guidelines will be removed by Residence Hall staff, Campus Life staff, or Security personnel.

The Office of Campus Life is available to work with fraternities and other organizations in creating flyers and advertisements that comply with the policy, Elmore said. "If we see posters in violation, we'll take them down and contact the organization and explain why we did it, what was in violation. If they come to us in advance, they can alleviate the problem (of having event advertisements in conflict with the policy)."

The University anticipated the Sept. 30, 1986 change in the drinking age and created the Alcohol Policy Task Force, composed of student life administrators and students, to produce a new policy reflecting the fact that fewer undergraduate students would be of legal drinking age, Hanson said.

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law). I think the law is wrong that 18 isn't 'of age,' but we really can't do anything about it.

"I'm not afraid of getting caught. This may be a bad view, but I've had fake IDs since I was a freshman in high school ... so I may be playing the roulette wheel, but it's worked so far."

A number of local nightspots tend not to "turn in" those who possess unacceptable IDs, say many fake ID owners.

"A friend of mine got turned down in Georgetown for not having a state seal on the ID," said one freshman, "but they just turned him away. I

haven't heard of anyone in this area getting arrested yet ... but it really depends on the place."

According to both freshman and sophomore sources, however, the rationale behind getting and using fake IDs is twofold. Drinking, of course, is one of the privileges which accompanies an ID; the other is being allowed admittance to the many clubs whose allure does not necessarily rely solely on the consumption of alcohol. Those with live entertainment and dancing, for example.

"It doesn't really phase me," one freshman said, "that I can't drink, but what does is that I can't get into all the clubs to dance and just be out with friends."

"If you really want to go someplace and you've got friends who are up-

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crowd of more than 1,500 students, faculty and administrators. He emphasized the importance of the student body as a member of the University community.

"What a difference a year makes," Terzian said, "GW is back in the news—not about buying a new house or anything else we can get our hands on, but about students" giving a \$16,000 donation to the Jerry Lewis telethon.

Terzian noted WRGW, the Student Orientation Staff, the Black People's Union, the Greek system and international student organizations as student groups which make special contributions to the University. "It is the students who make this University great," he said.

After Terzian spoke, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Oliver T. Carr, Jr. said "the Trustees are as energized as the student body, and just as committed to success."

Preceding the convocation a procession, led by an NROTC color guard, a Washington bagpipe group and Trachtenberg, circled the campus. A three-block long parade of faculty, administrators and representatives from approximately 30 student groups started at the Gelman library and walked past Rice Hall, the Smith Center, frat row, the National Law Center and the University Yard before entering Lisner Auditorium.

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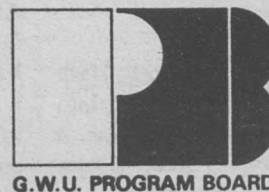
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CITY SKETCH

District's GNP soars to new heights

Political comedy troupe will take you for a 'Scandal Tour'

by Denise Helou

It used to be that only business students could appreciate the full meaning of the words "gross national product." No longer is that so. Nowadays, just about anyone living in the District can take pleasure in this label of apparently economic meaning.

Before visions of forty-year-old men in business suits sitting around speculating on the recent decrease in American productivity pop into your head, let's set the record straight. The "pleasure" referred to above is far beyond that obtained by financial analysis of this country's net worth. No, on the contrary, this is a totally different GNP.

Satirical theater, not the American economy, is the main concern of Gross National Product, a D.C. and Los Angeles-based political comedy group known for short skits mocking the national political scene. The troupe's latest effort invites Washingtonians to board the "ScandaLimo" for a guided tour of the many sites and landmarks which have made this city "scandal capital of the world," according to the press release.

Weekly shows of "Scandal Tours" began in late August and will be held every Saturday for an indefinite period of time. The 75 minute tour features such infamous sites as The Watergate, Gary Hart's Capitol Hill townhouse, the White House and other lesser-known scandalous sites.

After the bus tour, the group performs "Phantom of the White House," a comedy show of pre-election spiffs, at d.c. space, a club GNP has performed at since it first was formed eight years ago. Some of the humorous skits featured in this satirical revue, which opened at the club in mid-July, include an improvisational debate between GNP's George Bush and Mike Dukakis, "Lifestyles of the Russian Famous" and "Wall Street Weak."

GNP writer Rick London, the creator of "Scandal Tours," recalled the five months of research it took to uncover some of the featured scandals. Most of them were completely unknown, he commented.

Can you recall, for instance, the 1974 story surrounding former Congressman Wilbur Mills and his date, stripper Fanne Fox, who insisted on taking a dip in the Tidal Basin while Mills was being questioned for drunk driving?

Other landmarks of Washington, such as the Old Executive Office Building and the Capital steps, hide their own sex secrets.

"It (Scandal Tours) is a nice alternative to the boring sightseeing tours," said GNP publicist and "Scandal Tours" producer Harriet Wilder.

Indeed, Washington's political atmosphere provides the perfect climate for such a skit. The essential ingredients for a scandal grow wild in D.C.

Furthermore, London said, Washingtonians love their scandals.

For GNP founder John Simmons, the bus tour conceals a very funny but real twist on human nature. "It parodies institutions and individuals who have fallen in the media from the beginning of the 1800s to now. The theme of it is that nothing changes with human beings."

At each stop on the tour, a GNP actor gives the bus load of people a narration for that particular site. Such celebrities as Richard Nixon, Donna Rice, Fawn Hall and Gordon Liddy are represented by the GNP staff.

London, who labels his particular invention simply "theater on a bus," compared the loose conference of writers and actors that make up GNP to the original cast of "Saturday Night Live."

"It's basically a bi-coastal comedy group involved in a lot of nonsense," Simmons joked.

According to London, when GNP first organized the "Scandal Tours" production, it had one marketing plan in mind—a full evening of entertainment which included cocktail drinks at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, the bus tour and a chance to see GNP's "Phantom of the White House" at d.c. space for \$42.50. Since several potential audiences for each individual show existed, the group devised two alternate programs.

Now, it is no longer necessary to pay for the complete deluxe tour. Instead,

you can just take the bus tour for \$20 or see the show for \$11.

As of just recently, London said, the GNP shows have gathered a large baby-boomer/yuppie following while still attracting an "eclectic mix of other people." Executives from the Hill, the Reagan administration and the Pentagon have come to see GNP productions. The shows even get their share of college students.

According to Simmons, when GNP first started performing in the early '80s, the group would stage its fast-moving comedy shows at informal venues or in between bands at the local college. As a result, the majority of the original audience members were college students.

Nowadays, however, Simmons said the shows appeal to everyone from FBI agents to Reagan administration officials to Washington suburbia. The high attendance of members of the older generation does not surprise Simmons, however, since he considers Washington an "older" city. "A lot of people come in representing the age that is prevalent in this town," he said.

By maintaining a rough edge to the skits, the college crowd still comes out to check out the act.

"The audiences have doubled since I first started to go see them," London said. "It's happening now."

Yet, to Simmons, the market for this type of sketch comedy has been around for the past three decades. The strange breed of stand-up comics and actors who make up this "satirical theater" clan has gradually emerged in the television and theater worlds, from the first "Saturday Night Live" episodes to "Monty Python's Flying

Circus" and on to the "David Letterman Show."

"I don't think it's growing; it happens. It's just an evolution grown out of the 50s."

Because of the prominence and power of politics in Washington, D.C., Simmons saw the city as a perfect setting for such a comedy troupe. "I really wanted this kind of thing to be here," he said. "The topicality of the city mandates it."

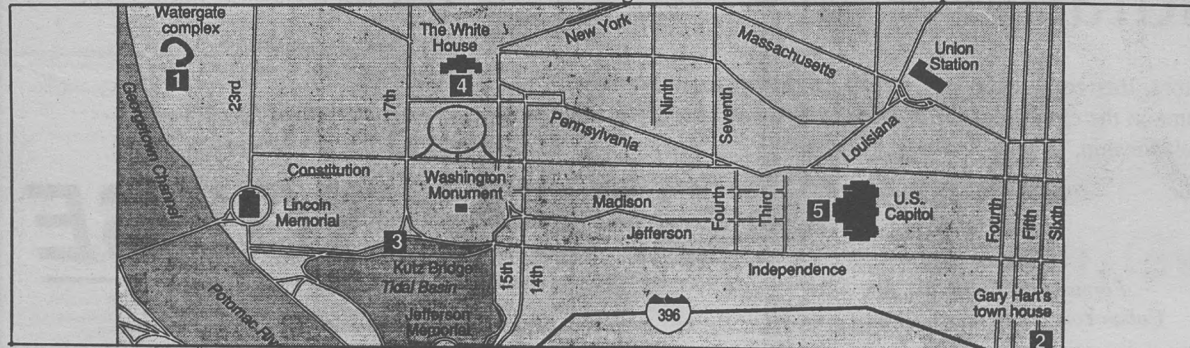
"If you're going to do political comedy, Washington is the best place to do it," Wilder said.

In addition to the "Scandal Tours," Gross National Product has performed many other political comedies in recent years. The clever titles of their sketches give some idea of GNP's sarcastic sense of humor—"Ten Little Candidates," "Man Without a Contra" and "Terms of Endorsement."

Publicity surrounding the group has certainly grown, with news stories appearing in a plethora of national papers, including The Washington Post, The New York Times, The City Paper, U.S. News & World Report and The L.A. Weekly.

With the emergence of GNP and its growing popularity, Simmons predicts the organization will put its own mark on the history books. "It has every indication of becoming another Washington institution."

Any students who are interested in exercising their creative talents with GNP—either in writing or acting—should contact Harriet Wilder at 483-7960. Tickets for "Scandal Tours" are available through Ticketron at 1-800-233-4050, while reservations for "Phantom of the White House" can be made at 347-1445.



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Witness to ethnic pride at Adams Morgan Day

by Denise Helou

I knew I just had to find my way outdoors yesterday.

I guess I sensed something going on out there. It was a weird, supernatural feeling of sorts, but then again, aren't those the kinds of feelings you should pay most attention to?

So without wasting time, I threw on some clothes and ran out the door. I knew exactly where to go—my senses led the way. In no time at all I arrived at 18th Street and Florida Avenue. Oh yeah, a lot of activity was happening there. Yet it was only the beginning of the day's events, a day which was known as the 11th annual Adams Morgan Day.

The event's organizers certainly got lucky with the weather—what could be a better festival climate than bright sun and a cloudless

sky? But if it wasn't the weather that drew crowds of people away from their television sets for one Sunday, I'm sure it was all the hustle-bustle planned for the day.

Even without the shining sun, I would have come just to browse over the wide assortment of crafts and jewelry lining 18th Street from Florida Avenue to Columbia Avenue. With two band stages, a dance stage, an art show, a gospel stage and over 250 vendors selling everything from chicken fried rice to African clothing, it would have been rather difficult for someone to be bored. "Boredom" just wasn't the word on the street yesterday.

And there I was with an endless stream of entertainment in front of me without a clue as to where to begin. I just couldn't decide. Should I start by indulging in some exotic, international dish like shish kebab or should I just skip the

food and start shopping for that perfect pair of earrings?

I felt the spirit of Adams Morgan Day surge within me as I strolled past the masses of people who, like me, had come to celebrate the international heritage of the District.

And I'm not joking around when I say "masses of people." The streets were lined with D.C. residents yesterday, almost to the point of claustrophobia. Obviously, I wasn't the only one who sensed something of great significance stirring in the calm Sunday air. (It could have also been the \$1.50 beers.)

Watching the different groups of festival-goers running around trying to be an integral part of the day's atmosphere was even more exciting than doing it myself. You see, I knew there was no possible way I could experience everything happening here in a limited time.

But I certainly tried by sampling much of the diverse international fare available, checking out the paintings of local artists and grooving to the loud music.

The various musical styles heard on the streets was a pleasant reminder of the city's ethnic diversity. By jumping back and forth from the two music stages to the dance stage, I was able to enjoy a number of different acts, including the jazz beat of the Buck Hill Quartet, the reggae sounds of Awareness Art Ensemble and the fancy footwork of the Kan Kouran Dancers of West Africa.

Needless to say, by the end of the day my energy level was at a low point, as was that of most others. Walking in the scorching heat all day and drinking beer exhausted me, but it had all been worth it. Food, drink, and just a plain merry time had been mine at Adams Morgan Day.

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Sound election advice

by Ted Gotsch
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW's College Republicans kicked off its 1988-89 schedule of events by hosting an "Election '88" night in the Marvin Center Wednesday, highlighted by the appearance of Congressman Jack Buechner (R-Mo.).

Buechner said people have to become more educated about the election. "There are fewer and fewer people who have a basis for what is going on. Thirty percent of the people get all their news from TV," he said. He then praised the approximately 100 people in the audience for getting involved in politics.

As he sees it, Buechner said, Vice President George Bush cannot just continue where President Ronald Reagan has left off. "He (Bush) will have to define the next four years not as a continuum of the 'Reagan Revolution' but as a new era built among the best and providing a new dimension."

Federal spending and the shape of the economy is a major concern for voters, since there has been talk by many of an economic recession once Reagan leaves office. Buechner, however, wants to keep fighting. "Many people say we should let Dukakis win, the country will go into a downslide,

and in 1990 we will sweep 72 seats in the house and take control. I don't want to lose ... I like it up here. And I'd rather be a little wobbly than give up."

Earlier in the evening, Ben Newman, a Bush Campaign Representative, told of opportunities for students to get involved with the campaign, saying there are plenty of jobs at Republican headquarters.

Newman, a senior at American University, then took the opportunity to do a little campaigning. "Some will say this election lacks excitement, that George Bush and Michael Dukakis are basically alike. Nothing could be farther from the truth. George Bush is the most qualified man to run for president in our lifetime. This is a message we must show our country."

Bryan Tramont, the president of the College Republicans and a junior at GW, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. "That's how Republicans open a meeting," he said, drawing the applause and laughter of the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theater audience.

Tramont, who is Buechner's assistant press secretary, organized the senator's appearance.

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If you are interested in becoming acquainted with the University's Gelman library, there will be a tour of the facility held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Meet at the information desk in the lobby of the library. For more information, call 994-6558.

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The first meeting of the American Lung Association's "Freedom from Smoking" clinic will be held Wednesday, Sept. 14 in the physician's dining room in the GW Medical Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Call 994-5437 if you are interested in signing up.

GWUSA fights to restore grad tax exemption

by John Maynard
Hatchet Staff Writer

The GW Student Association is mobilizing its forces this week to influence Congress as it considers legislation that would restore a \$5,250 tax exclusion to graduate students who receive tuition benefits.

This tax exclusion became defunct on Jan. 1, 1988, when Congress allowed Section 127 of Tax Code 1986 to expire. According to this section, graduate students who received either tuition remission or waivers from their employers were not taxed on the value of the benefits. The limit of these benefits was \$5,250.

Ford McLain, GWUSA vice president of lobbying and external affairs, said that in January of this year graduate students who worked for the University "found big holes in their paychecks" due to the lack of a tax exclusion.

"Students are working without the \$5,250 tax exclusion," McLain said, "and that is financially detrimental."

Grace Nogan, a member of the Graduate Student Association, says Congress did not act when the tax exclusion expired. "They let it run out," she said. "Everyone knew it was

expiring. We were just hoping it would be extended ... when it was not extended we decided to take action."

According to McLain, a graduate student task force has developed to get back the tax exclusion. "The National Association of Professional Graduate Students are all behind this lobbying task force," he said.

"The bill we will be lobbying for contains an amendment. In mid-September the fate of this bill will be decided on the floor (of the Senate), and either it will be pigeon-holed or forwarded."

The Employee Educational Assistance Act is the bill which would make Section 127 a permanent provision in the tax code.

According to Nogan, section 127 underwent some changes before it was passed by the House of Representatives. Currently the bill provides a \$1,500 tax exclusion for those pursuing an undergraduate degree and for "graduate teaching and research assistants."

The Senate will be voting on the bill in mid-September.

"The bill that passed in the House is very unfavorable to all students," Nogan said. "Even RA's and TA's will

not be much better off."

McLain is leading a drive he hopes will influence the Senate to pass Section 127 in the form that would satisfy GWUSA. "I've written a petition for campus circulation endorsing the bill with the amendment," he said.

"Monday and Tuesday we will circulate the petition to get anyone's signature. Hopefully most graduate students working for the University will be signing it."

Another step being taken toward the passing of Section 127 in the Senate is a legislative packet which McLain is developing with help from GWUSA Assistant Vice Presidents Chuck Silverstein and Tony Palmero.

Included in this packet will be a letter from GWUSA President Raffi Terzian, a Senate resolution and the petition. A joint statement by area universities will also be included.

"We are committed to having the bill with the amendment approved by the Senate," McLain said. "If it is pigeon-holed or shot down, we will start with a fresh new bill when a new Congress is brought in."

The petition and the demand for a new bill are mainly concentrated on the graduate student level, according

to GSA member Jonathan Schmidt. "We have met with (President Stephen Joel) Trachtenberg in an informational exchange to let him know of the proposal," he said. "We wanted him to know what the bill meant."

"He was receptive but he is under budget restraints. (It) seems he would exercise his right to help students, but he will not pay for their taxes."

GWUSA hopes the legislative packet will be successful in its trip to the Senate, McLain said. "Our point is to make sure students are aware of it."

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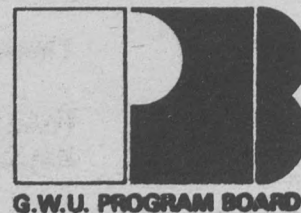
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MC undergoes costly facelift

by Jennifer Brandt
Hatchet Staff Writer

The Cloyd Heck Marvin Center underwent renovations this summer, resulting in newly carpeted lobbies and an entirely refurbished Colonial Commons dining hall.

LeNorman Strong, Director of GW's Office of Campus Life and coordinator of renovation activities for the MC, said Colonial Commons, which was closed for the latter portion of the fall semester last year due to damage caused by a fire, has been redecorated with new carpeting and furniture.

All MC lobbies, except for the third floor lobby, which was redecorated

last year, have been recarpeted, Strong said. New furniture for the lobbies is either "in place or on order," he said.

Each lobby renovation cost approximately \$15,000. According to Strong, this money came from previous budget allocations because the renovations had been "on hold" for approximately three years.

The second floor scheduling office has been completely redecorated and a new computer system has been installed. The new surroundings will be "more pleasant" for students, Strong said.

"Top priority" renovations are

taking place on the MC ground floor, Strong said. The Office of Planning and Construction, working with the Office of Campus Life, hopes to have the new computer/typing room ready next week. Panino's, an Italian delicatessen which was scheduled to open at the beginning of the 1988 fall semester, should be completed by early October.

The postal service planned for the MC ground floor has been put "on hold," Strong said, because conforming to post office specifications has taken longer than anticipated.

"Other renovation plans are being discussed," Strong said, but nothing has been finalized as yet.

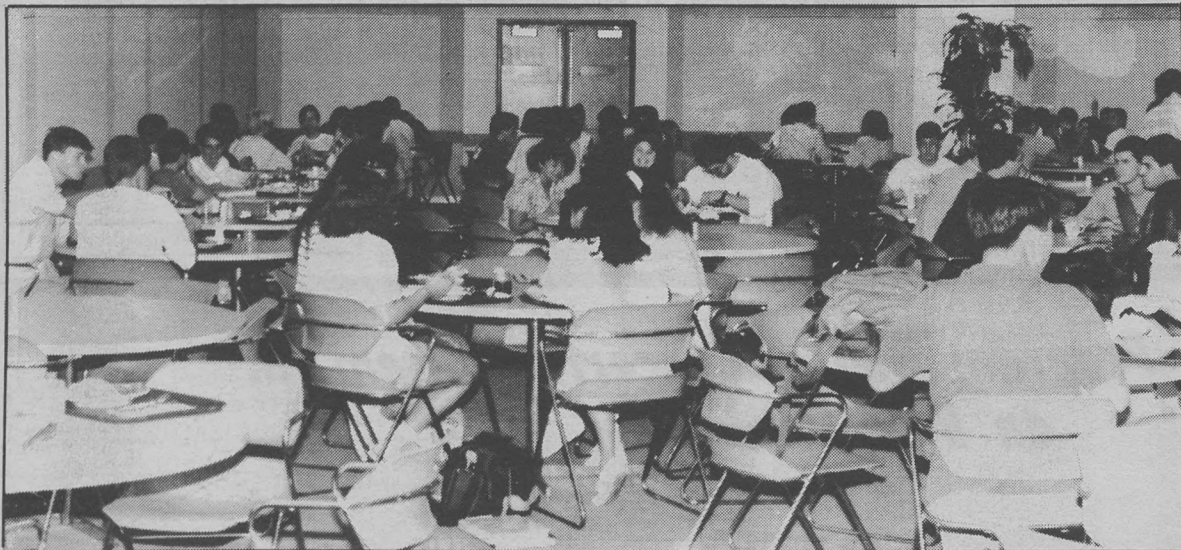


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Survey says ... in-house training beats college

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One-third of the respondents, moreover, said private trade schools appear more interested in making a profit and taking advantage of federal student aid than in training students.

More than seventy percent of the 400 businesses questioned rated in-house training programs as an important source of skilled labor, according to the survey commissioned by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools.

Sixty percent of the employers listed four-year colleges and universities as important sources of labor. Fifty percent also listed private trade schools and 45 percent cited vocational high schools.

"In general, employers are satisfied with the job we do," said William Carson, the association's chairman.

Two-year public vocational schools, including community colleges, were listed by 44 percent of the businesses as an important source of skilled employees, while union apprenticeships were named by only 26 percent.

The telephone survey quizzed

managers at computer programming and service companies, auto repair shops, radio, television and appliance repair firms and physicians' and dentists' offices.

While 62 percent of the surveyed companies say they have graduates of private trade schools on their payroll, only 50 percent actively recruit at the schools, and just 14 percent said they actually contract with such schools to train workers for them.

Only 46 percent of the surveyed companies said private trade school graduates had a better chance of getting a high-paying job than public vocational school graduates.

Although U.S. Education Secretary William Bennett has said that private trade schools are not being singled out for harsher treatment than other colleges in the federal government's crackdown on student loan defaulters, he has criticized them for high default rates.

A 1987 National Governor's Association study revealed that private trade schools comprised 78 percent of the 1,100 with default rates greater than 40 percent. The overall default rate in the government's loan program is 13 percent.

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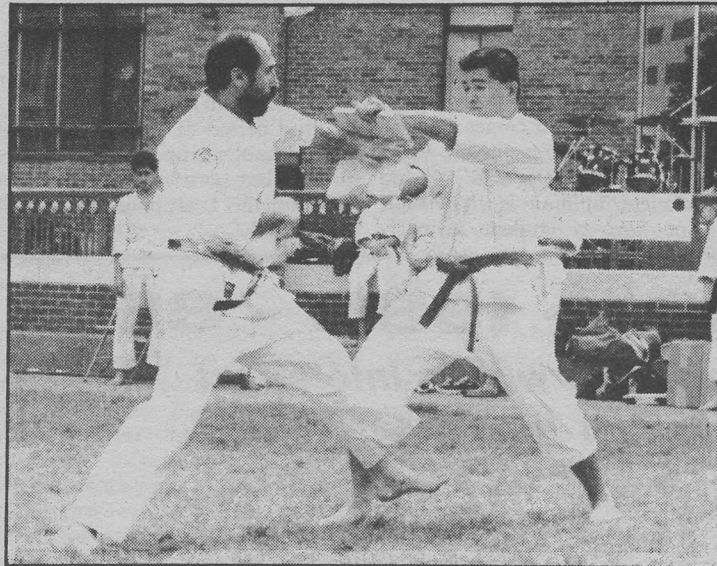
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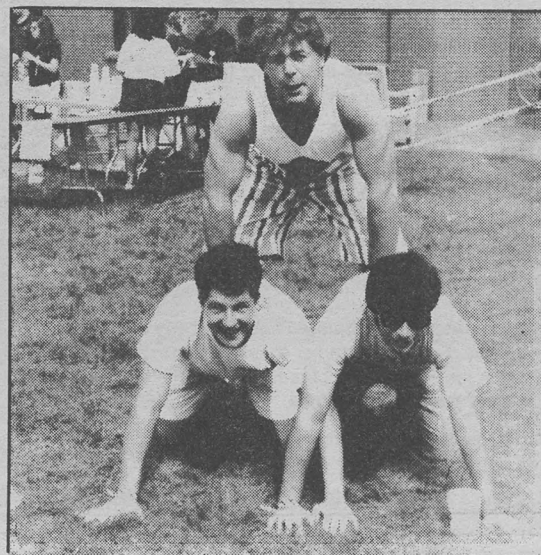
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tees is "certainly worth considering."

According to Griffith, if students and alumni became members of the committee, he would be concerned

with "how they would be selected and the sensitivity involved in seeing the candidate's dossiers."

"No one is saying student input isn't important, but when it comes down to it, we're saying put your money where your mouth is," Kessler said. "If you think student opinion is important, why not have a student seriously

involved in the process.

"We take this process as seriously as the faculty does," he said. "We don't want joke deans either."

"In a period of time when literally every school's dean has been replaced in the last two years or will be replaced, this is an issue that can't be overlooked."

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1965: GW's "President-Elect" Lloyd H. Elliott cites GW as enjoying "the greatest potential for leadership in the U.S., perhaps in the world" while hosting a dinner for 51 student leaders.

1969: Plainclothes police officer Delbert E. Clark is indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon for the May 29 shooting of GW senior Duane Marusa. Clark shot Marusa after an argument on 22nd Street. The officer and his companion, fellow officer William Freedman, had been drinking in a local bar prior to the incident. Following the shooting both officers, who were off duty at the time, drove away.

1974: A new scuba diving course is offered by the College of General Studies, carrying three semester hours of credits. However, students will have

to petition for credit through their respective departments and advisors. The class will be held at the YMCA on Monday evenings during three hour sessions, with some extra Wednesday night sessions also to be scheduled.

1973: Gordon Chanen, a pre-law freshman living on the 9th floor of Thurston organizes and leads 300 other GW students, primarily freshmen, in a demonstration in front of the White House protesting President Ford's decision to pardon Richard Nixon. Students carry signs reading, "Let's Make Justice Perfectly Clear, Huh, Mr. Ford," and chorused in various chants including, "Ford Loves Dick."

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'Fine-tuning' gives new look to GW administration

Trachtenberg makes some changes, expands some departments

by Kerry Kane
Asst. News Editor

Of the many changes the appointment of Stephen Joel Trachtenberg as president of GW has brought, one of the most notable is the new look of the administration. The addition of Robert A. Chernak as vice president for student and academic support services as well as a decentralization of duties has increased the size of the administration and, for some, made it appear more complicated than the former administration.

Trachtenberg disputes this characterization, saying "the organization has changed very modestly. It has merely been a reorganization, a shuffling of responsibilities."

The reason for the reorganization

was, in part, the retirement of Vice President for Student Affairs William P. Smith last May, Trachtenberg said. Chernak assumed the newly-created position of Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services, which Trachtenberg said is "functionally the same position" as Smith's former title.

According to Trachtenberg, the offices of undergraduate admissions, which used to fall under the jurisdiction of Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick French, and undergraduate financial aid, formerly under the direction of Charles Diehl, vice president and treasurer, have been consolidated under Chernak's supervision.

The remaining vice presidential positions, those of development and

University relations and medical affairs, remain unchanged from the Elliott administration, Trachtenberg said. The office of vice president for research, however, has been modified, he said.

"(Carl) Lange used to be Vice President for Administration and Research, and under his responsibility was personnel, security and research. Now, exclusively his job is helping faculty procure research grants."

In the new administration, Trachtenberg said, the Office of Safety and Security reports to Chernak and the office of personnel falls under Diehl's control.

An interesting feature of the new administration is the decentralization of duties which allows for more

interaction among different departments. For example, in the Elliott administration, the office of the comptroller would report directly to the president. In the current administration, however, the comptroller's office reports first to Dean for Administrative Affairs Philip Birnbaum, then to the assistant vice president for University relations and finally to the president. There is more lateral interaction among departments than in the past administration.

Trachtenberg said this administration was not more "corporate" in structure than Elliott's. "If it appears corporate now, then it was corporate then. Basically, now we are just fine-tuning."

Asked if he foresees any further

changes in the administration, Trachtenberg said "The new kid comes and inevitably he's going to be impatient. If you want to change a University, you have to live with the culture of the environment. There will be changes which will reflect a consensus."

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Beginners' classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 8:45 to 9:45 in the Marvin Center. The first class will be held on Monday, Sept. 12. Room assignments for all classes can be found at the information desk on the first floor of the Marvin Center. There is no fee or charge for the classes. If you need information, call Steve Guidos at 920-1038

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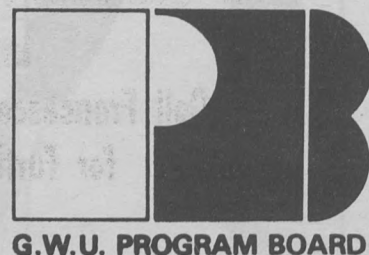
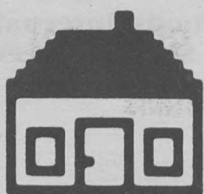
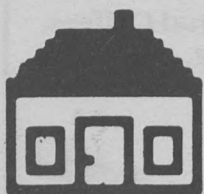
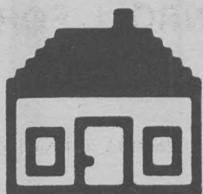
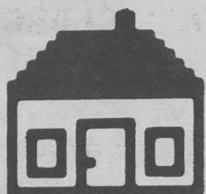
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Freshmen

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perclassmen, you're screwed," another freshmen said.

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The GW dry dorm policy forbids students to possess any alcoholic substance in certain residence halls, including Thurston and Adams. However, according to a freshmen source, "there's millions of ways to get around that."

The number of illegal dorm parties, according to Thurston sources, are not as large as one would expect.

"There aren't really all that many, and they usually aren't big enough to draw too much attention," one freshmen said. "It's not that they're not big, but they're just real quiet about it."

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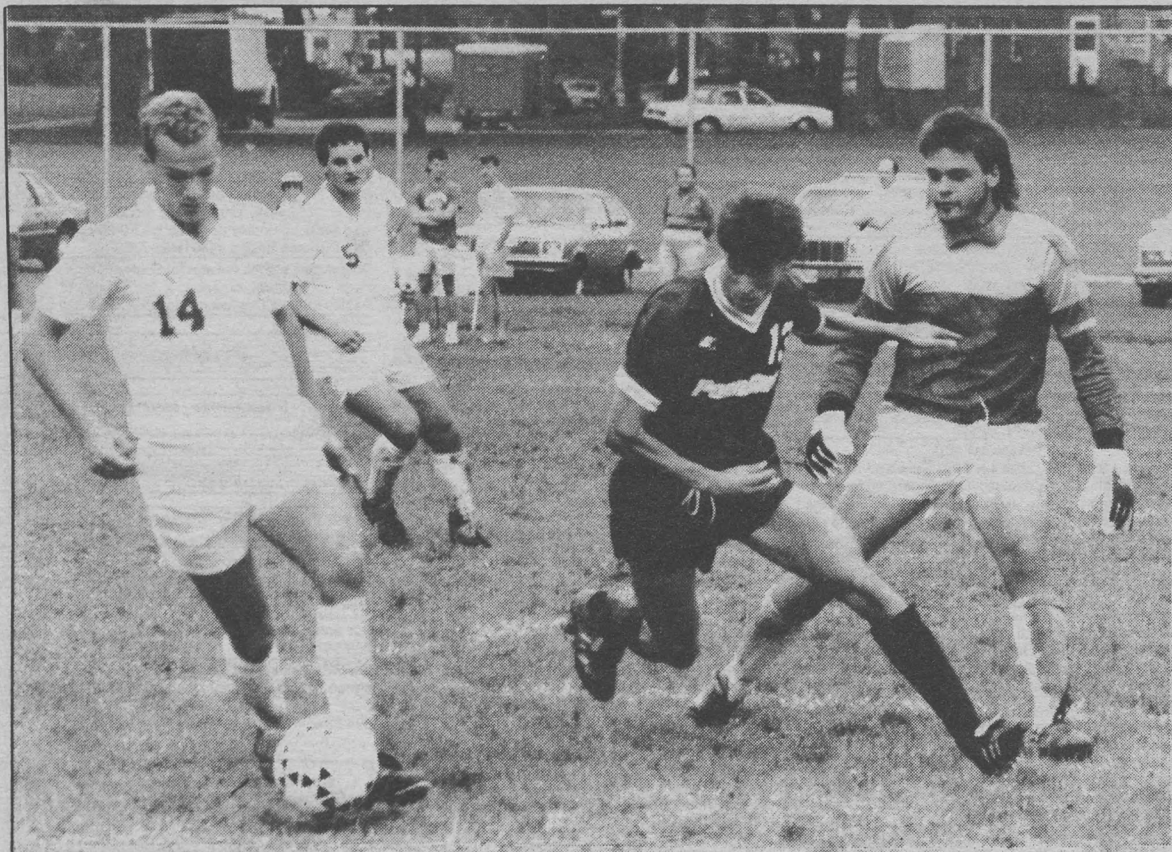


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GW goalkeeper Harry Bargmann (far right) has given up just four goals this season, but the Colonials are still only 0-3-1.

Men's soccer shut out in Fresno tournament

Farely injured in tournament, will be ready for GW Invite

by Richard J. Zack
Sports Editor

Things aren't going quite as GW head soccer coach George Lidster had hoped this year. After finishing last season with a 10-5-3 mark and with the return of high-scoring mid-fielder Kenny Emson for his senior season, Lidster hopes to surprise some people, despite having one of the toughest schedules in the country.

The Colonials (0-3-1) have yet to score a goal in this young season, but maybe even more surprising, they have only given up four in as many games. After losing to Atlantic 10 Conference foe Penn State, 1-0, in the season opener, Lidster hoped to rebound against cross-town rival Georgetown. All his team could muster against the Hoyas was a 0-0 tie.

Last weekend the Colonials traveled to Fresno, Ca. to take on powerhouses Fresno State and Stanford University. On Saturday, GW went up against Fresno State and the result was a 1-0 loss. The result was the similar in the Stanford game as the Colonials fell, 2-0, to the Cardinal. Despite being unable to put a ball into the net, GW

has seen its defense become even tighter than it has been in the past.

Goalkeeper Harry Bargmann is on a pace to give up fewer goals per game than last season (1.12 goals per game) and already has one shutout to his credit. Bargmann had five saves against Fresno State, while tallying three saves in the loss to Stanford. GW had five shots on goal to Stanford's 10.

On the offensive side, the Colonials again had trouble converting as their only chance came when freshman Mario Lone kicked a ball off the post of the goal with approximately 10 minutes remaining. The rebound came off to Emson who knocked it over the goal.

Net notes-The Colonials next travel to Annapolis to take on Navy, September 14 at 3 p.m. GW lost to the Midshipmen, 2-0, last season. After being shutout by Stanford the GW has not scored in its last five games, including last season's loss to Penn State. This is the longest dry spell for Colonials since 1965. The previous record for not scoring was four games in 1969 and 1966.

Colonial women outlasted by URI

by Richard J. Zack
Sports Editor

When the GW women's soccer team traveled to Rhode Island to play in the Rhode Island Invitational last weekend, Colonial head coach Adrian Glover expected to have a good chance at defeating URI, but also expected to have trouble with 13th-ranked Rutgers.

On Saturday the Colonial women tied Rutgers, 2-2, while falling to URI, Sunday, 2-0. To determine which team would advance in the tournament bracket, the tie with Rutgers was decided by penalty kicks in which GW (1-1-2) lost, 5-3.

In the field of GW, URI, Rutgers and UMass, all are Atlantic 10 Conference teams, with UMass joining Rutgers in the nation's top 20.

GW assistant coach Sheryl Walters attributed the URI loss to fatigue from the double-overtime tie with Rutgers. "We were pretty much beat from Rutgers. It took a lot out of us," she said. "They played the 90 minutes, then two 15 minute overtimes."

Glover concurred with Walters with regard to the URI loss. "The kids did a great job Saturday. They just had nothing left," he said. "They played Rutgers tough. We should've won."

In the Rutgers game GW came back twice, first after Rutgers scored at the 19:50 mark in the first half. Sophomore defender Donna Wagner then answered for GW with a score at approximately the 38 minute mark.

Rutgers scored again with approximately two minutes remaining in the first half to take a 2-1 lead into intermission. Colonial freshman Shauna Christensen tied the score again at two with her goal coming at the 34 minute mark in the second half.

"The lack of experience hurt us. Yesterday was an emotional game for us," Walters said. "We've got to learn to play tough for two games. We've got to be mentally tough for a whole weekend."

Ball notes-The Colonial women face Southampton at RFK Auxiliary Field this Sunday at 1 p.m.

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The Colonial women went 1-3 last weekend, falling to 4-4 this year.

Volleyball drops three on West trip

by Jimmy Burke
Hatchet Staff Writer

Despite the fact that her team lost three of four games last weekend in the University of Kansas Invitational Tournament, GW head volleyball coach Cindy Laughlin said the tournament was "a really good experience for us. We showed we were very competitive against some of the best teams in the Midwest."

GW lost its first match to eventual tournament winner Northern Iowa, 15-5, 15-7, 16-18 and 15-4. As if that wasn't bad enough, the team also suffered the loss of senior co-captain Cheryl Farley as she went down with an ankle injury in the first game and was forced to spend the remainder of the weekend as a spectator. Farley's injury is not serious and she'll be ready to go this Friday in the GW Invitational, according to Laughlin.

"It's tough to play without your top hitter," Laughlin said. "We played really well against Northern Iowa, matched up player for player we're a better team. After losing Cheryl we showed a lot of guts."

GW assistant coach Kevin Kirk said that the loss of Farley affected the team's concentration. Ingrid Wicker and Lisa McDonald rose to the occasion and picked up more than their share of the slack, however, according to Kirk.

Wicker had 36 kills for the tournament and McDonald garnered 32 kills, 36 digs and 14 blocks for her weekend's work. "Lisa McDonald was just fantastic," Kirk said. "I don't think I've ever seen someone that intense."

Following losses to Auburn and Wichita State the Colonial women salvaged their record with a victory

against Kansas (15-8, 15-11, 15-7). Laughlin said she thought the team showed a lot of character by winning that final match after losing the first three. "We could have just layed down but we didn't," she said.

The injury to Farley, though costly, forced Laughlin to go to her very thin bench and the younger players were able to gain valuable playing time and experience, Laughlin said. Freshman Cinnamon Burnam took over Farley's spot. "She got a lot of playing time and she played very well," Laughlin added.

"By the final game we were really playing smoothly," Laughlin said. The second-year head coach said she felt the tournament was a positive experience.

GW next takes on Maryland in the first round of the GW Invitational this Friday at the Smith Center.